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In response to the Final Office Action of August 14, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend, without prejudice, claims 1, 6 and 9 as follows:

-  1. (Twice Amended) A brush seal for sealing a rotor with respect to a stator, comprising:
- a bristle housing configured to be arranged on a first one of the rotor and the stator, the bristle housing including a cover plate, a supporting plate, a circumferential surface and two side surfaces;
 - bristles fastened in the bristle housing, the bristles including free ends oriented toward a second one of the rotor and the stator;
 - a first positioning arrangement provided on at least one of the circumferential surface and at least one side surface; and
 - a second positioning arrangement provided on one of the rotor, the stator and a fastening element;